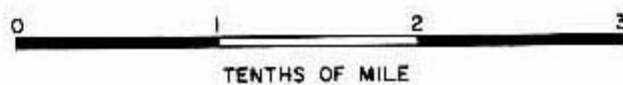


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IRELAND POND

T7 R8, WELS, PENOBSCOT CO., MAINE

AREA 30 ACRES



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U.S.G.S. Millinocket Lake East, Me (7½')

Fishes

Brook trout

Minnows

Finescale dace

Blacknose dace

Physical characteristics

Area - 30 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Surface - 72°F

35 feet - 50°F

Principal fisheries: Brook trout

Ireland Pond lies in a hilly, rocky area of the Maine Public Reserved Lands Scraggly Lake Management Area. The pond is surrounded by a mostly spruce and fir forest interspersed with hardwoods. The terrain around the pond is very hilly with numerous moss covered rock outcrops. The entire shoreline of the pond, including the island, is very rocky and quickly drops off into a soft muddy bottom in most places. There is some emergent vegetation in the shallow coves on the north and east sides of the pond.

There are no tributaries to the pond and trout natural reproduction in the past has been very low. An impassable ledge falls on the outlet prevents other fish from entering the pond by natural means.

Water quality is excellent for the production of a brook trout fishery. There is ample oxygen in the deep, cool water during the summer months. Brook trout are stocked each year in order to maintain a trout fishery.

Access to the pond is by a gravel road around the west end of Scraggly Lake.

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